

**CHAPTER NO. 824**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2684**

**By Representatives Garrett, Todd**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2936**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to assaultive offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 39-13-111.

(a) As used in this section "family or household member" means spouse, former spouse, person related by blood or marriage, or person who currently resides or in the past has resided with that person as if a family, or a person who has a child or children in common with that person regardless of whether they have been married or resided together at any time.

(b) A person commits domestic assault who commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-101 against a person who is that person's family or household member.

(c) Domestic assault is punishable the same as assault in § 39-13-101.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 18, 2000

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR